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SUBJECT: AGE EDITORIAL ON THE LESSONS OF ZAIRE, CHAD AND ETHIOPIA

AN EDITORIAL MAY 26 IN THE LIBERIAN AGE, ORGAN OF THE
RULING TRUE WHIG PARTY, WARNS THAT "THE LESSON IN
ZAIRE, IN CHAD, IN ETHIOPIA RINGS CLEAR -- THE ENEMY
IS SOMETIMES WITHIN" AND CALLS FOR A REGIONAL DEFENSE
PACT "TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST OUTSIDE
INVASION." THE FULL TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

IF THERE WERE EVER A TIME WHEN AFRICAN LIBERATION
NEEDED TO BE EMPHASIZED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF POLITICAL
RESPONSIBILITY, MATURITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROWTH,
THAT TIME IS NOW. FOR UNTIL WE AGREE TO PUT ASIDE
PERSONAL AMBITIONS, ULTRA NATIONALISM AND DEVOTE OUR
TIME AND ENERGY TO THE STRENGTHENING AND SOLIDIFICATION
OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, THE LIBERATION WE ENJOY WILL
ALWAYS BE FRAGILE AND ELUSIVE.

YESTERDAY THROUGHOUT AFRICA, EXCEPT PERHAPS IN ZIMBABWE,
NAMIBIA AND AZANIA, AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY WAS OBSERVED.
PLEDGES WERE MADE IN ALL THE COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE THE
STRUGGLE AND COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND LIBERATION MOVE
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MENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT IS, HOWEVER, A STRUGGLE
WHICH IMPOSES ON EVERY AFRICAN NATION ETERNAL
VIGILANCE, FOR THE LESSON IN ZAIRE, IN CHAD, IN
ETHIOPIA RINGS CLEAR -- THE ENEMY IS SOMETIMES WITHIN.

IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT LIBERATION AND FREEDOM WITHOUT
SECURITY IS CONSTANT DESTABLIZATION. WHAT THEN AFRICA

NEEDS TODAY IS A REGIONAL DEFENSE PACT. FOREIGN BASES,
OR FOREIGN TROOPS ON AFRICAN SOIL IS AN UNACCEPTABLE
FEATURE OF AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE
SECURITY SUCH FORCES MAY GUARANTEE THE HOST COUNTRIES.
IF THAT BE THE CASE IT WOULD NOW SEEM IN THE BEST
INTEREST OF NATIONS WITHIN GIVEN REGIONS TO COMBINE
FORCES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST OUTSIDE
INVASION. IT WOULD THOUGH THAT BEFORE DOING THIS,
AFRICAN STATES MUST NOT ONLY PLEDGE, BUT MUST KEEP
ABIDING FAITH WITH THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY. THEY MUST HOLD RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS
TERRITORIES, THEY MUST ACCEPT THE BOUNDARIES ALREADY
ESTABLISHED AND THEY MUST NOT PERMIT DISSIDENT ELEMENTS
TO USE THEIR TERRITORIES AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR
SUBVERSION AND TERRORIST AGGRESSION. IN THE ABSENCE OF
RESPECT FOR THESE FEATURES AFRICAN LIBERATION AND FREEDOM
REMAIN A HOLLOW THING.
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